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Nathan Baird, a planning intern and Metro Cycling Club member, parks bikes at the Pasadena stop of the Amgen Tour of California. *Photo by Jennifer Gill*

Metro Volunteers Provide Bicycle Valet Parking Service, Information Booth at Amgen Tour of California

- Metro Cycling Club parks some 400 bikes during the day-long event
- [Volunteer Central](#): Credit roll

(Feb. 24, 2009) Metro Bike Program staff, Metro Cycling Club members and other Metro employees volunteered to provide secure bicycle parking and information tailored to cyclists at the Amgen Tour of California Cycling event at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on Saturday.

Lynne Goldsmith, Metro Bike Planning Manager, estimated the valets parked nearly 400 bicycles. That's a nearly 100 percent increase from last year's event, when the volunteers parked an estimated 200 bikes.

Metro Bike
Planning
Manager
Lynne
Goldsmith
and intern
Nathan Baird
work the
Bicycle
Parking Valet
Service at the
Amgen event
held at the
Rose Bowl.



The Tour de France-style cycling road race featured the world's top professional cycling teams, including Lance Armstrong that competed along a demanding 750-mile course from Sacramento to Escondido. Several thousand bicycle enthusiasts from throughout Southern California and beyond attended this annual bicycling event, now in its third year.



Metro Blue Line Operator Arlene Mills helps potential Metro patron learn the bike rack.

Volunteers in the Metro transit booth, located near the bicycle parking valet, handed out stacks of Metro transit information and offered advice to bicycle riders, including how to load their bicycles onto the Metro Bus bike rack.

The Metro booth featured a replica of a bus bike rack, allowing Metro volunteers to show bicyclists how to attach and remove their bikes from the front of a Metro bus.

Metro Cycling Club member Tony Jusay,



at right,
prepares to
park one of
400 bikes at
Amgen event.



The bicycle
parking area
went from
zero to
nearly 400
bikes in a
matter of
hours.

*Photos by
Jennifer Gill*

Rey Coutts, a transit operations supervisor in Central Instruction, Operations, delivered and retrieved the displayed bus bike rack. "The rack really attracted people to the booth," said Metro Blue Line Operator Arlene Mills, who helped staff the booth.

Goldsmith believes Metro's presence at the Pasadena marker of the Amgen Tour of California makes miles of smiles for the expanding communities of bicycle commuters and enthusiasts. "The Amgen event is a perfect match for Metro's promotion of bicycle use and helps to promote bicycles as a means of transportation," she said.

-- from Gayle Anderson

Volunteer Central



From left, Bike Valets Lynne Goldsmith, Cory Zelmer, Nathan Baird, Kathleen Sanchez.

Bicycle Parking Valet Service

Information Booth

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cory Zelmer - Countywide Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bob Thomas - Community Partner |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave Sotero - Media Relations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julie Ellis - Contract Administration |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lynne Goldsmith - Countywide Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evelina Del Castillo - Fleet Management and Support Services |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tony Jusay - Countywide Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fe Alcid-Little - Procurement |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer Gill - Community Relations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Staley, Arlene and Mel Mills and Elsa Edejer - Metro Rail |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nathan Baird - Countywide Planning intern; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tess Fitzpatrick - SFV Sector |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kathleen Sanchez - Countywide Planning - <i>and husband Dennis,</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rey Coutts - Operations Central Instruction |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doreen Morrissey - Countywide Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marie Tervalon - Customer Relations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stuart Ondeck (retired) - Real Estate | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Bakkers - Public Relations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diego Ramirez - Countywide Planning - <i>and wife Elaine,</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Smith - Countywide Planning | |